ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

STARK, N. H.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1947

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TOWN OF STARK

NEW HAMPSHIRE

In Coos County

For The Year Ending December 31, 1947

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this Report was taken from official Records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

E. A. SCOTT
DEAN F. MILES
WILFRED M. FOGG
Selectmen of Stark, N. H.

SUSIE B. STONE, Treasurer and Town Clerk
MYRON OSGOOD, Tax Collector

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Town Warrant

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stark in the County of Coos in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, March 9, 1948, to act upon the subjects herein after mentioned. The polls will be open at said place and date from 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon for the reception of your ballots upon the election of town officers under the Non-Partisan Ballot System: furthermore you are hereby warned that on said date and place, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, the matter of appropriations and such other business properly coming before said meeting will be taken up for your consideration and action.

1. To choose by ballot the following town officers: one town clerk for one year, one selectman for three years; and the following for one year: a town treasurer, a tax collector, one auditor, two road agents, two constables, two sextons and one trustee for the cemetery trust funds.

2. To see if the town will instruct its selectmen to appoint all other town officers required by law.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for same.

4. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for current expenses.

5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for:

(a) Highway Maintenance
(b) Snow Removal
(c) Town Maintenance

6. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for Class V Highways and appropriate $276.96 and set aside for this purpose. The State will contribute $1107.83.

7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Town Relief.

8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Old Age Assistance.

9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to defray Interest charges for the ensuing year.

10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Public Library Purposes.

11. To see if the Town will vote for a scale of discounts for payments of taxes on the basis of Three per cent if paid by Aug. 31, Two per cent if paid by Sept. 30.

12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to incur debts for temporary loans in anticipation of taxes for the ensuing year and pay such debts from tax money when received.

13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the upkeep of the Cemeteries.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of $50.90 to the White Mountains Region Association, being 10 per cent per $1000 of the assessed valuation for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the town, in cooperation with the other 45 towns in the region.

15. Article entered by petition of ten signers. To see if the Town will vote to lay out and build

a piece of road from the State Highway to Lawrence Parks residence, a distance of about 250 feet, and raise money for same.

16. To see if the Town will vote to purchase 1000 feet of snow fence and raise money for same.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of $400.00 for White Pine blister control recommended by the Forestry Recreation Commission.

Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of February, on the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Eight.

E. A. SCOTT,
DEAN F. MILES,
WILFRED M. FOGG,
Selectmen of Stark.

A true copy of Warrent—Attest:

E. A. SCOTT,
DEAN F. MILES,
WILFRED M. FOGG,
Selectmen of Stark.

Selectmen's Recommendations

1. Art. 3. Recommended to raise the sum of $1500.00 to defray Town Charges.

2. Art. 4. Recommended to raise the sum of $500.00 for Current Expenses.

3. Art. 5. Recommended to raise the sum of: (a) $2000.00 for Highway Maintenance; (b) $3000.00 for Snow Removal; (c) $2000.00 for Town Maintenance, or a total of $7000.00.

3. Art. 7. Recommended to raise the sum of $600.00 for Town Relief.

4. Art. 8. Recommended to raise the sum of $1000.00 for Old Age Assistance.

5. Art. 9. Recommended to raise the sum of $300.00 to defray Interest Charges.

6. Art. 10. Recommended to raise the sum of $200.00 for Public Library Purposes.

7. Art. 16. Recommended to raise the sum of $300.00 for Snow Fence.

E. A. SCOTT,
DEAN F. MILES,
WILFRED M. FOGG,
Selectmen of Stark.

BALANCE

Assets	
Cash	
In hands of treasurer	$6,826.72
Accounts Due to the Town	
Bounties	101.00
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1946	178.52
Levy of 1945	47.56
Previous Years	21.01
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1947	1,561.00
Levy of 1946	70.20
Levy of 1945	149.53
Previous Years	71.96
Total Assets	$9,027.50

SHEET

Liabilities	
Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Due Collector of Internal Revenue, last quarter	$ 16.30
Due to School District:	
Dog licenses	109.82
Balance of Appropriation	1,898.23
Total Liabilities	$2,024.35
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	7,003.15
Grand Total	$9,027.50

RECEIPTS AND

Receipts

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
Property taxes, current year	$18,603.12	
Poll taxes, current year, regular at $2	226.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	2.10	
Total of Current Year's taxes collected and remitted		$18,831.22
Property taxes, previous years		1,408.47
Poll taxes, previous years, regular at $2		64.00
Interest received on taxes		70.15
Tax sales redeemed		866.33
From State:		
Railroad tax		297.88
Savings bank tax		8.97
Reimbursement a|c State and Federal forest lands		971.14
National forest reserve		403.69
Fighting forest fires		9.60
Bounties		66.50
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog licenses, 1946		3.60
Dog licenses, 1947		106.22
Withholding Tax, Percy Bridge		33.50
Registration of motor vehicles, 1946 Permits		.75
Registration of motor vehicles, 1947 Permits		494.98
Refund on Bonds		5.00
Filing Fees		14.00
Total Current Revenue Receipts (Carried forward)		$23,656.00

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
Town officers' salaries	$ 1,332.79
Town officers' expenses	540.45
Election and registration	64.25
Expenses town hall	33.75
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police department	56.75
Fire department, including forest fires	473.65
Bounties	101.00
Health:	
Health department	7.00
Vital statistics	11.00
Highways and Bridges:	
Town Road Aid	301.86
Town Maintenance	6,779.47
(Summer $3,729.56, Winter $3,049.91)	
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	824.80
Libraries:	
Libraries	327.70
Public Welfare:	
Old age assistance	1,001.79
Town poor	552.00
Public Service Enterprises:	
Cemeteries	48.25
Unclassified:	
Legal expenses	103.20
Advertising and Regional Associations	10.00
Taxes bought by town	178.52
Discounts and Abatements	787.15
Total Current Maintenance Expenses (Carried forward)	$13,535.38

RECEIPTS AND

Total receipts brought forward	$23,656.00
Cash on hand January 1, 1947	5,156.23
Grand Total	$28,812.23

PAYMENTS (continued)

Total payments brought forward		$13,535.38
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Special Poll Taxes at $3 paid to State	$ 14.00	
Taxes paid to County	2,068.43	
Payments to School Districts	6,367.70	
Total Payment to Other Governmental Divisions		8,450.13
Total Payments for all Purposes		$21,985.51
Cash on hand December 31, 1947		6,826.72
Grand Total		$28,812.23

Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$ 4,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Libraries, Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Police Department, Equipment	40.00
Fire Department, Equipment	150.00
Highway Dept., Lands and Bldgs.	200.00
Equipment	3,000.00
Post	200.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	5,000.00
Total	$13,590.00

Selectmen's Report

Inventory of the Town of Stark for 1947

Lands and Buildings	$215,287.00
Growing Wood and Timber	170,425.00
Electric Lines	18,771.00
Horses, (55)	5,200.00
Mules, (3)	150.00
Cows, (144)	13,040.00
Other Neat Stock, (20)	1,865.00
Sheep and Goats, (22)	220.00
Hogs, (12)	440.00
Vehicles, (7)	11,000.00
Portable Mills, (1)	2,500.00
Wood and Lumber	44,290.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	170.00
Stock in Trade	20,820.00
Mills and Machinery	4,900.00
	$509,078.00
Soldiers' Exemptions	9,825.00
Poll Taxes, 169 at $2.00	338.00

Assessments

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	500.00
Town Road Aid	301.36
Town Maintenance	1,600.00
Bridges	2,000.00
Snow Removal	2,500.00
General Expense of Highway Dept.	2,000.00
Libraries	300.00
Old Age Assistance	900.00
Town Poor	600.00

Cemeteries	200.00
Interest	300.00
County Tax	2,068.43
School Tax	6,898.23
Total Appropriations	$21,668.02
Less Estimated Revenue and Credits	1,706.00
	$19,962.02
Plus Overlay	346.10
Net Amt. to be Raised by Prop. Tax	$19,970.12
Poll Taxes at $2.00	338.00
Total Taxes	$20,308.00

Tax Rate 1047, $4.00 Per $100.00 Valuation

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E. A. SCOTT,
WILFRED M. FOGG,
DEAN F. MILES,
Selectmen of Stark, N. H.

December 31, 1947.

Detailed Statement of Payments

CURRENT EXPENSES

Town Officers' Salaries

E. A. Scott, Selectman	$300.00	
Dean F. Miles, Selectman	150.00	
Wilfred W. Fogg, Selectman	150.00	
Susie B. Stone, Town Clerk & Treas.	187.50	
Ruth M. Croteau, Auditor, 1946	18.75	
Myron A. Osgood, Tax Coll.	526.54	
		$1332.79

Town Officers' Expenses

Ruth W. Croteau, Auditor	$ 3.39
Susie B. Stone, Town Clerk	5.38
Brown & Saltmarsh, Notices	1.09
Thelma M. Murphy, Real Estate Transfers	11.32
N. H. Tax Assessors, Dues	2.00
Wilfred W. Fogg, Tax & Road Meeting, car mileage	37.90
Coos County Democrat, Printing Town Reports	197.95
Geo. M. Stevens & Son, Town Officers' Bonds, Compensation Ins.	98.00
Coos County Democrat, Notices	2.00
Edson C. Eastman, Supplies, Dog Tags	34.41
Branham Printing Co., Auto Book	3.00
N. H. Tax Assoc., Dues 1945-1946-1947	6.00

E. A. Scott, Stamps, Envelopes and Car Mileage	31.00	
E. A. Scott, Tax & Road Meeting	10.00	
Dean F. Miles, Tax & Road Meeting	10.00	
Myron A. Osgood, Cost of Sale	13.26	
Northern Office Supplies, cleaning & Repairing Typewriter and Adding Machine	21.25	
Susie B. Stone, Fee on Auto Permits	52.50	
		$ 540.45

Election and Registration

J. E. Montgomery, Supervisior 1946 and 1947	$25.00	
Emma Miles, Ballot Clerk	5.00	
John Nolan, Moderator	12.00	
Ernest Kiser, Supervisor, Copying Check List	10.00	
Glen L. Miles, Supervisor	6.25	
The Berlin Reporter, Notices Special Meeting	6.00	
		$ 64.25

Town Hall Expenses

Public Service Co., Lights	$18.12	
Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co., Insurance	15.63	
		$ 33.75

Police Department

Benjamin House, Constable	$16.25	
Benjamin House, Dog Constable	15.00	
Linwood Gadwah, Constable	22.50	
Leon Meacham, Car Hire	3.00	
		$ 56.75

Fire Department

J. E. Montgomery, Gibson & Mill Brook	$ 22.80	

Thomas Montgomery, Gibson & Mill Brook	30.00	
Amos Emery, Gibson Fire	21.00	
Henry Gibson, Gibson Fire	21.00	
Harold Jenkins, Gibson Fire	31.85	
Leon Meacham, Mill Brook	8.00	
Town of Northumberland, Property Fires	314.50	
Myron A. Osgood, Patroling	7.00	
J. W. Emery, Patroling	7.00	
J. E. Montgomery, Patroling	10.50	
		$ 473.65

Bounties

Carroll Peabody, (1) Bear	$20.00	
Alphonse Dumais, (1) Bear	20.00	
Robert J. Vantier, (1) Bear	20.00	
Frank Currier, (1) Bear	20.00	
Selectmen, (42) Hedgehogs	21.00	
		$ 101.00

Health Department

W. N. Emery, Board of Health, 1946	$ 7.00

Vital Statistics

Susie B. Stone, Recording	$ 11.00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Bridges

J. E. Montgomery, Payrolls	$687.71	
Ashley Leighton, Logs and Trucking	40.50	
J. E. Montgomery, Logs	39.60	
J. W. Emery, Logs	45.00	
Groveton Papers Co., Lumber	584.36	
Clair Walker, Payrolls	51.13	
Philip Croteau, Welding	16.75	
		$ 1,465.05

Town Maintenance

Ernest Kiser, Payrolls	$1,081.38
Clair Walker, Payrolls	1,149.63

Collector of Internal Revenue	33.50	
		$ 2,264.51

General Expense of Highway Department

J. E. Montgomery, Cruising Land	$ 20.00	
M. A. Osgood, Fred Hand's Tax	41.60	
Philip Croteau, Welding and Repairs	79.17	
Treasurer, State of N. H., Plow Repairs, Guard Rail Wire and Salt	98.43	
State Highway Garage, R. C. Pipe	151.40	
Glen Wentworth, Bridge Signs	8.00	
Treasurer, State of N. H., Shovel and Oper.	18.30	
Clesson McFarland, Bridge Signs	4.50	
New England Metal Culvert Co., Pipe	47.52	
Cassellini-Venable Corp., Plow Parts	124.78	
Ernest Kiser, Lumber & Supplies	212.60	
E. A. Scott, Cruising Land	10.00	
Dean Miles, Cruising Land	5.00	
Ralph J. Emerson, Supplies	3.50	
		$ 824.80

Snow Removal

Philip Croteau, Payments to Mar. 11, 1947	$1,377.12	
Collector of Internal Revenue, Withholding Tax, 1946	4.70	
Town of Dummer, Tractor Hire	96.00	
Paris Mfg. Co., Plow Hire	50.00	
Leo Nadeau, Plow Hire	81.00	
Ernest Kiser, Payrolls	724.15	
Clair Walker, Payrolls	512.52	
Glen Lunn, Breaking Road	22.40	

Oasis Martin, Breaking Road	136.50	
Ashley Leighton, Payroll	55.52	
		$ 3,049.91
Libraries		
Kate Osgood, Library Appro.	$300.00	
Doris M. Alexander, Insurance	12.50	
Geo. M. Stevens & Son, Ins.	15.20	
		$ 327.70
Town Poor		
Mrs. Geo. W. England, Frizzell Girls Board		$ 552.00
Old Age Assistance		
State of New Hampshire, 25 per cent Old Age Assistance		$ 1,001.79
Cemeteries		
R. J. Emerson, Mowing Emerson Cem.	$12.00	
Clair Walker, Mowing Percy Cemetery	11.25	
R. J. Emerson, Labor Stark Cem.	8.00	
Leon Meacham, Labor Stark Cem.	2.00	
Andrew Martin, Plowing Stark Cemetery	15.00	
		$ 48.25
Schools		
Susie B. Stone, School Treas., Balance School Appropriation for 1946	$1265.20	
Susie B. Stone, School Treas., Dog Tax 1946	102.50	
Susie B. Stone, School Treas. Pay 1947	5,000.00	
		$ 6,367.70
Unclassified		
White Mountains Region Assn., Regional Support	$ 10.00	
William Lehnert, Legal Serv.	103.20	

M. A. Osgood, Coll., Tax Sales	178.52	
M. A. Osgood, Coll., Discounts and Abatements	787.15	
State Treasurer, Bal. Special Poll Tax	14.00	
		$ 1,092.87
Highway Construction		
State of New Hampshire, Town Road Aid		$ 301.86
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		
J. A. Sullivan, County Treas., County Tax		$ 2,068.43
Total Payments		$21,985.51

Road Agent's Report

BRIDGES

Percy Bridge

J. E. Montgomery, Foreman	$162.00	
Thomas Montgomery, Labor	148.50	
Thomas Montgomery, Tractor	92.70	
Robert Graham, Labor	67.50	
Conrad Graham, Labor	27.00	
Sherwood Hodgkins, labor	20.25	
Clair Walker, labor	101.25	
Ernest Hodgkins, labor	33.75	
Ernest Hodgkins, labor	12.38	
Clair Walker, truck and sharpening pins	18.20	
Ralph Emerson, spikes	4.18	
J. W. Emery, logs	45.00	
Groveton Papers Co., lumber	256.28	
J. E. Montgomery, logs	39.60	
Ashley Leighton, logs & trucking	40.50	
		$1,069.09

Leighton Bridge

Clair Walker, payroll	$ 30.44	
Philip Croteau, welding	16.75	
Groveton Papers Co., plank	259.84	
		$ 307.03

Cote Bridge

Clair Walker, payrolls	$ 20.69

Nash Stream Bridge

Groveton Papers Co., lumber balance 1946	$ 68.24
Total	$1,465.05

PHILIP CROTEAU, *Road Agent*

Snow Removal from Dec. 31, 1946 to Mar. 11, 1947

Philip Croteau, truck	$1,212.00
Bradley Lunn, labor	289.50
Clair Walker, labor	15.75
Robert Leighton, labor	19.51
Dean Miles, labor	15.00
Wilfred Fogg, labor	74.13
Glen Wentworth, truck	217.65
Golden Dingman, labor	18.00
Ellis Potter, Jr., labor	26.25
Glen Lunn, labor	16.50
Amos Emery, gravel	19.30
D. L. Howland, gravel	1.60
	$1,950.32
Less cash on hand Dec. 31, 1946	573.20
	$1,377.12

SUMMER WORK

ERNEST KISER, *West End*

Ernest Kiser, truck	$370.30
Glen Wentworth, truck	37.80
James Platt, truck	25.00
A. M. Clark, truck	46.80
Lucious Ball, labor	29.60
Roy Ball, labor	73.15
Benjamin House, labor	16.50
Clarence Jenkins, labor	4.50
Elbert Scott Jr., labor	4.50
Glen Miles, Jr., labor	30.00
William Allen, labor	78.26
Charles Tatu, labor	27.00
Howard Allen, labor	33.26
Groveton Papers Co., plank	17.22

Ralph Emerson, spikes	6.28	
Wilson Crawford, tractor	24.00	
		$ 829.17
Culverts and Railing		
Ernest Kiser, truck	$ 73.80	
Glen Wentworth, truck & labor	35.40	
Roy Ball, labor	26.40	
Howard Allen, labor	32.80	
Lucius Ball, labor	32.80	
		$ 201.20
Supplies		
Glen Miles, Lime spreader	$ 10.00	
Dyar Sales, Grader blades	10.50	
C. & N. Railroad, Express	1.03	
Clesson McFarland, painting signs	2.00	
Groveton Papers Co., plank	32.48	
		$ 56.01
Total		$1,081.38

ERNEST KISER, *Road Agent*

WINTER WORK

Dismantling Snow Fence		
Ernest Kiser, truck	$ 79.20	
Glen Wentworth, labor	32.40	
Elbert Scott Jr., labor	27.20	
Donald Croteau, labor	19.50	
William Allen, labor	12.75	
		$ 171.05
Snow Fence and Winter Sand		
Ernest Kiser, truck	$ 70.00	
Roy Ball, truck	93.60	
Glen Wentworth truck	14.40	
Ernest Clark, truck	23.40	
Howard Allen, labor	52.00	
Lucius Ball, labor	48.00	
Roy Ball, labor	10.40	
		$ 311.80

Snow Removal

Ernest Kiser, truck	$203.00	
Roy Ball, labor	20.00	
Howard Allen, labor	21.60	
Harold Jenkins, labor	4.00	
Lawrence Parks, labor	4.00	
		$ 252.60
Total		$ 735.45

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST KISER,
Road Agent.

CLAIR WALKER, *East End*

SUMMER WORK

Clair Walker, truck and labor	$494.84	
Glen Wentworth, truck & labor	31.05	
E. C. Bacon, truck	10.00	
Thomas Montgomery, tractor	31.23	
Thomas Forbush, labor	34.12	
Maurice Forbush, labor	34.12	
Robert Leighton, labor	127.86	
Nelson Littlehale, labor	15.37	
Owen Leighton, labor	13.87	
Carroll Peabody, labor	13.50	
Wilbur Lawrence, labor	42.37	
Howard Allen, labor	37.12	
Roy Ball, labor	95.99	
Lucius Ball, labor	55.50	
Lindsey Peabody, labor	9.37	
Bradley Lunn, cedar posts	14.00	
Wilfred Fogg, gravel	13.60	
J. E. Montgomery, gravel	2.40	
Groveton Papers Co., gravel	5.40	
Wilfred Forbush, gravel	.20	
Ralph Emerson, supplies	8.42	
		$1,090.28

Jackson Hill

Clair Walker, labor	$ 29.35	
Wilfred Fogg, labor	27.00	
Robert Leighton, labor	3.00	
		$ 59.35
Total		$1,149.63

ASHLEY LEIGHTON, *Road Agent*

Snow Removal

Ashley Leighton, labor	$ 10.50
Glen Wentworth, truck and labor	31.50
Wilfred Forbush, labor	7.87
Maurice Forbush, labor	3.00
Winston Maguire, labor	3.00
	$55.52

CLAIR WALKER, *Road Agent*

Snow Removal

Clair Walker, truck	$363.22
Robert Leighton, labor	47.19
Wilbur Lawrence, labor	27.74
Ashley Leighton, truck and tractor	49.50
Nelson Littlehale, labor	10.50
Fred Hands, labor	4.50
Darrell Hodgkins, labor	2.62
Herman Maguire, labor	2.25
	$507.52

Respectfully submitted,

CLAIR WALKER,
Road Agent.

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1946	$ 5,156.23
Total receipts to Treasurer	23,656.00
	$28,812.23
Total Payments	21,985.51
Cash on hand	$ 6,826.72
Bank Balance as per Statement	$ 7,172.81
Outstanding checks	346.09
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1947	$ 6,826.72

Respectfully submitted,

SUSIE B. STONE,
Treasurer.

Auditor's Report

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct.

SHIRLEY MAGUIRE,
Auditor.

Tax Collector's Report

M. A. OSGOOD, *Collector*

(For Current Year's Levy)

SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1947

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Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Property Taxes	$19,970.12
Poll Taxes at $2.00	338.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	2.10
Total Warrant	$20,310.22
Added Taxes:	
Property Taxes	74.00
Poll Taxes	8.00
Total Debits	$20,392.22

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Remittances to Treasurer:	
Property Taxes	$17,815.97
Poll Taxes	226.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	2.10
Discount Allowed	375.55
Abatement	411.60
Uncollected Taxes (Property Taxes)	1,447.00
Per Collector's List (Poll Taxes)	114.00
Total Credits	$20,392.22

Year	*Collected*	*Uncollected*	*Abated*	*Discount*	*Total*
1947	$18,044.07	$1,561.00	$411.60	$375.55	$20,392,22
1946	1,302.27	70.20			1,372.47
1945	165.20	149.53			314.73
1944	5.00	51.08			56.08
1943		14.88			14.88
1942		6.00			6.00
Redeemed	936.48				936.48
	$20,453.02	$1,852.69	$411.60	$375.55	$23,092.86

RECAPITULATION TAXES SOLD TOWN AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1947

Year	*Tax*	*Int.*	*Cost*	*Total*	*Redeemed*	*Unredeemed*
1942	$ 50.93	$18.33	$	$ 69.26	$ 69.26	$
1943	78.36	17.53		95.89	91.95	3.94
1944	209.89	4.46		214.35	197.28	17.07
1945	242.72	4.35		247.07	199.51	47.56
1946	152.00	10.26	16.26	178.52		178.52
1946*	353.00	25.48		378.48	378.48	
	$1086.90	$80.41	$16.26	$1183.57	$936.48	$247.09

* Paid before sale

UNREDEEMED TAXES

	1943	1944	1945	1946
Gerald Pearson	$3.94	$17.07		
Robert Gibson			$42.35	$ 43.38
Zelmar Lapoint			5.21	38.98
Marcia Dingman				28.31
George Demars				6.97
Elmer Gould				53.91
Doris Stevens				6.97
	$3.94	$17.07	$47.56	$178.52

ABATEMENTS

(For the Year of 1947 up to Dec. 21, 1947)

Cole, Hazen	$ 2.00
Dorr, Charles D.	2.00
Jones, Milton	2.00
Cummings, C. B. & Son	253.60
Public Service Co.	152.00
Total Abatements for 1947 ending Dec. 31, 1947	$411.60

UNCOLLECTED

	1947	1946	1945
A			
Abbott, Clifton	$ 2.00	$ 2.00	$ 5.00
Allen, Howard			5.00
Allen, Wesley	2.00	2.00	5.00
Allen, William	2.00	2.00	
B			
Ball, Roy	20.00	16.00	18.75
Ball, Mrs. Roy	2.00	2.00	
Blanchard, Marcel	2.00		

	1947	1946	1945
Bedard, Elaine		2.00	
Barseleu, Rene	2.00		
Blais, Joe			5.00
Blais, Mrs. Joe			5.00
Brown, Charles			9.00
C			
Cote, Joe	118.00		
Cole, Frank,			9.00
Croteau, Cecile	2.00		
Corkum, Clair	2.00		
D			
Dingman, Clarence	2.00		
Dingman, Golden	2.00	13.00	13.00
Dingman, Worden	24.00		
Dingman, Hazel		2.00	5.00
Debois, Anceline		8.00	
Dingman, Marcie	2.00		
E			
Emerson, Martha	47.56		
F			
Frizzell, Mildred	2.00		
G			
Gibson, Henry	85.00		
Gibson, Robert	36.00		
Graham, E. J.	20.00		
Gibson, Mrs. Kenneth	2.00		
H			
Holbrook, Orange			
Holbrook, Florence			
House, Urania	66.00		
House, Bertha	2.00		
Howland, Ann			
Hamel, Rene	2.00		
Hand, William			5.00
Hickey, Laura	26.00		
Hessessner, Mildred	2.00		

	1947	1946	1945
J			
Johnson, Ralph			
Johnson, Mrs. Ralph			
Jones, Evelyn	2.00		
K			
Keiser, Margrett	24.00		
L			
Lapoint, Zelma	34.00		
Lapoint, Albert	2.00		
Leighton, Carrol	8.00		
Lunn, Glen	2.00		5.00
Lunn, Althea	2.00		
Leighton, Owen	8.60	13.20	11.00
Leighton, Geneva	2.00	2.00	5.00
Littlehale, Nelson	24.00		
M			
Martin, Osias	234.40		
Morressette, Philip			5.00
Morresette, Mrs. P.			5.00
Martin, Bertha	2.00		
Miles, Herbert	2.00		
Miles, Ethel	2.00		
MacSuitter, Warren	12.00		
Montgomery, Ann Marie	2.00		
N			
Nolan, John	2.00		
P			
Pearson, Hazel	2.00		5.00
Pearson, Gerald	104.00		
Potter, Nórman	2.00		
Potter, Opal	2.00	2.00	
Pepaw, Ethel			
Parks, John	39.20		
Parks, Letha	2.00		
Parks, Vivian	2.00		
Peabody, Winnifred	2.00		

	1947	1946	1945
Phelbrook, Ira	2.00		
S			
Sanderson, Maud E.		2.00	
Stearns, Doris		2.00	
T			
Thiffault, Lorenzo	2.00		
Thiffault, Simonne	2.00		
W			
Walker, Clair	30.00		
Walker, Launda	2.00		
Williamson, Stanley	2.00		
Williamson, Ardis	2.00		
Wentworth, Glen	2.00		
Wentworth, Luciele	2.00		

	1947	1946	1945
B			
Bingham, Bernice	4.00		
Bonney, Delmar	20.00		
Barnett, Leon	8.00		
Bertrand, Norman	8.00		
C			
Croteau, Samuel	16.00		
D			
Dunham, E. & R.	10.00		
Demars, Geo.	8.00		
G			
Green, Geo. Est.			4.00
Gilcris, Emma			8.00
Gould, Elmer	48.00		
Groveton Papers Co.	6.24		
H			
Howland, Mary	32.00		
Howland, Delivan	8.00		
Hamel, Cecil Est.	19.20		
Halvorson, Mrs. A.	8.80		8.80

	1947	1946	1945
J			
Jolly, Wm.	26.00		
L			
Langley, Geo.	10.00		
Leighton, Chas.	20.00		
M			
Merrell, Ruth			8.00
Milanson, C. R.	40.00		
Martineau, Antino	40.00		
N			
Newell, A. J. Est.	56.00		
P			
Peare, Lucian	16.00		
Poretta, Dominic	32.00		
R			
Rose, E. J.	56.00		
Rogers, Herbert Est.	4.00		
S			
Stevens, Doris E.	4.00		
T			
Thibedeau, Napolien	10.00		
Tibbetts, Robert	10.00		
	$1,561.00	$70.20	$149.53

UNCOLLECTED

	1944	1943	1942
D			
Dingman, Golden	$ 2.20		
G			
Gibson, Henry			2.00
H			
Holbrook, Orange	4.48		
Holbrook, Florence	5.00		
Howland, Ann	5.00		

	1947	1946	1945
J			
Johnson, Ralph	15.80	6.88	
Johnson, Mrs. Ralph	5.00	2.00	
L			
Lapoint, Albert		2.00	2.00
Lunn, Glen	5.00		
P			
Pearson, Hazel	5.00	2.00	
Potter, Norman	3.60		
Pepaw, Ethel		2.00	2.00
	$51.08	$14.88	$6.00

Library Trustees' Report

Report of Treasurer

(For Year Ending December 31, 1947)

Cash on hand January 1, 1947	$ 4.06
Cash received from Town, March	100.00
Cash received from Town, June	100.00
Cash received from Town, September	100.00
Total Received	$304.06

Payments

Mar. 28	Muriel Stuart Salary	$ 16.25
Mar. 29	New England News	40.10
June 11	Muriel Stuart Salary	16.25
June 27	New England News	58.13
Sept. 8	Muriel Stuart, Salary	16.25
Sept. 18	Sears, Roebuck Co.	5.00
Oct. 2	New England News	69.80
Oct. 29	New Hampshire Library	1.84
Dec. 5	Muriel Stuart, Salary	16.25
Dec. 31	New England News	35.46
	Bank Service Charges	3.12
	Postage, etc.	6.74
Cash on hand		18.87
Total		$304.06

The foregoing statement is correct according to my beliefs and judgment.

KATE L. OSGOOD,
Treasurer.

Auditor's Report

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct.

SHIRLEY MAGUIRE,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF STARK NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1947

School Report

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Stark qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on Tuesday, March 9, 1948, at eleven-thirty o'clock on the forenoon to act upon the following articles:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three year.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or other officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.
7. To see if the district will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.
8. To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Stark this sixteenth day of February, 1948.

ZORA M. MILES,
KATHERINE EMERY,
NELLIE MAGUIRE,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:
ZORA M. MILES,
KATHERINE EMERY,
NELLIE MAGUIRE,
School Board.

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REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Organization

	Term Expires
Mrs. Zora M. Miles, Chairman	1948
Mrs. Katherine Emery	1949
Mrs. Nellie Maguire	1950

Mrs. Susie B. Stone, Treasurer
Mrs. Susie B. Stone, Clerk
Miss Shirley Maguire, Auditor
Dean Miles, Truant Officer
Mrs. Urania H. House, Moderator
David Appleton, Supt. of Schools

Board meetings are held on call of Chairman.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Organization

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1947

Summary

Cash on hand June 30, 1946		$ 916.61
Received from Selectmen, appropriations	$6,265.20	
Received from Selectmen, dog tax	102.50	
Received from State Treasurer, State Aid	2,347.48	
		8,715.18

Total amount available for fiscal year	$9,631.79
Less school board orders paid	8,554.92
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1947	$1,076.87

SUSIE B. STONE,
District Treasurer.

June 30, 1947.

Detailed Statement of Receipts

Date	From Whom	Source	Amount
1946	Cash on hand		$ 916.61
Sept. 30	Selectmen	Appropriation	3000.00
1947			
Jan. 9	Selectmen	Appropriation	2000.00
Feb. 20	State of N. H.	Equalization	2347.48
June 17	Selectmen	Bal. of Appro.	1265.20
June 17	Selectmen	Dog Tax	102.50
Total receipts during year			$9631.79

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FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1947

Receipts

State Aid:		
Equalization fund		$2,347.48
Income from Local Taxation:		
Support of schools, tuition, salaries, debt and interest and other statutory obligations	$5,265.20	
Special appropriation	1,000.00	
		6,265.20

From sources other than Taxation:		
Dog licenses, 1946	102.50	102.50
Total receipts from all sources		$8,715.18
Cash on hand July 1, 1946		916.61
Grand Total		$9,631.75

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Payments

Administration:	
Salaries of district officers	$ 170.00
Superintendent's salary	244.30
Expense of Administration	13.55
Instruction:	
Teachers' salaries	3,900.00
Text books	76.57
Scholars' supplies	132.43
Other expenses of instruction	214.41
Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:	
Janitor service	180.90
Fuel	273.25
Janitors' supplies	66.47
Minor repairs and expenses	152.29
Auxiliary Agencies:	
Medical inspection	25.00
Transportation of pupils	1,179.50
High school tuition	1,558.79
Other special activities	2.90
Fixed Charges:	
Per capita tax ($2.00)	274.00
Retirement	50.56
Outlay for Construction and Equipment:	
New equipment	40.00
Total payments for all purposes	$8,554.92

Total cash on hand June 30, 1947	1,076.87
Grand Total	$9,631.79

BALANCE SHEET

Assets, June 30, 1947	
Cash on hand: Balance June 30, 1947	$1,076.87
Total Assets	$1,076.87
Liabilities, June 30, 1947	000.00
Total Liabilities	000.00
Excess of assets over liabilities	1,076.87
Grand Total	$1,076.87

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AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Stark, also the financial record of the school board of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947 and find them correct in all respects.

SHIRLEY MAGUIRE,
Auditor

BUDGET FOR 1948-1949

School Board's estimate of the amount required to support public schools and to meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1948.

Detailed Statement of the Proposed Expenditures

Support of Schools:

Teachers' salaries	$5,850.00

Text books	150.80	
Scholars' supplies	159.50	
Flags and appurtenances	20.00	
Other expenses of instruction	110.00	
Janitor service	266.00	
Fuel	350.00	
Janitors' supplies	100.00	
Minor repairs and expenses	400.00	
Health supervision	75.00	
Transportation	1,260.00	
Other special activities	35.00	
Total		$8,776.30

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of district officers	$ 205.00	
Truant officer & school census	20.00	
Payment of high school tuition	2,030.00	
Superintendent's salary	278.22	
Per capita tax (estimate)	138.00	
Expense of Administration	208.57	
Insurance	10.00	
Teachers' Retirement	104.72	
New Equipment	100.00	
Total		3,094.51
Grand Total		$11,870.81

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1948 (estimate)	$ 000.00
State Aid, Dec. 1948 (estimate)	3,400.00

Dog Tax (estimate)	50.00	
Total		$3,450.00
Deduct total estimated income (Not raised by taxation)		
Assessment required to balance school board's budget		$8,420.81

Respectfully submitted,

ZORA M. MILES,
KATHERINE EMERY,
NELLIE MAGUIRE,
School Board.

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I hereby submit my first annual report on the schools of Stark.

Enrollment

Grade	*Stark Village*	*Crystal*	*Total*
1	6	1	7
2	6	0	6
3	1	3	4
4	8	1	9
5	5	3	8
6	3	0	3
7	3	2	5
8	4	4	8
Total	36	14	50

The following pupils are attending Groveton High School: Donald Croteau, Marcia Gadwah, Harvey Hickey, Leon Hickey, Richard Hickey, George McKinnon, Beverly Miles, Glen Miles, Zan-

ita Pepau, Marilyn Rogers, Murray Rogers, Elbert Scott, Philip Scott, Victorine Stuart.

The following pupils had records of perfect attendance for the school year 1946-1947: Sylvia Dion, Theresa Gibson, Harvey Hickey, Leon Hickey, Oscar Hickey, George McKinnon, Rilla Parks, Zanita Pepau.

Teachers

Mrs. Elizabeth Stone resigned to accept a position as home economics teacher at Stratford High School. Mrs. Winifred Hart, a former teacher at the Stark Village School, was secured to fill the position. Mrs. Urania House returned to the Village School and Mrs. Maud Sanderson to Crystal.

Our teachers have realized the part a school must play in a rural community, and have sponsored interesting activities for children and adults.

The serious shortage of teachers throughout the country has been developing for the past ten years and we are faced with a crisis in education.

Not more than twenty-four teachers will be graduated from our teachers' colleges in New Hampshire this June, and there will be about two hundred vacancies in the State.

General Information

New textbooks and workbooks have been purchased and we are now adequately supplied with current editions.

The suggested State Program of Studies is being followed in all subjects.

The health program is under the supervision of Miss Florence Wheeler, R. N., and the following is a report of her findings.

Defects found in Medical Inspection		*Corrected*
Underweight 2		
Defective Vision 4		2
Anemia 1		
Nervous Condition 1		
Defective Teeth 26	corrections	60
Diseased Tonsils 2		2
Enlarged Glands 1		
Defective Speech 1		

Three Dental Clinics held making 48 corrections
Audiometer Hearing Tests for all except 1st Grade.

Extensive repairs were made on the Crystal School house. The unsanitary condition caused by water seepage under the building was eliminated by creating proper drainage. Much of the work of filling in and grading was contributed, thereby keeping down the cost. The building was raised and a cement foundation installed. The interior was completely renovated by putting in new celotex walls and a new ceiling. Slight minor repairs were made on the roof.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID APPLETON,
Superintendent of Schools.

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Stark, N. H., on December 31, 1947.

Date of Creation	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amt. of Principal	Rate of Interest	Bal. of Income on hand start of year	Income During Year	Expend. During Year	Bal. of Income on hand end of Year
March 18, 1919	Katherine Holmes Cemetery Fund donated by Katherine Holmes	City Savings Bank Berlin, N. H.	$200.00	1 1-2%	$ 24.55	$ 3.37	$ 3.37	$ 24.55
March 22, 1921	Charles Emery Cemetery Fund donated by Charles Emery	People's Nat. Bank Groveton, N. H.	46.13	1 1-2	6.35	.79	——	7.14
May 18, 1921	George M. Smith Cemetery Fund donated by George M. Smith	Gorham Sav. Bank Gorham, N. H,	100.00	1 1-2	——	1.50	1.50	——
	Solomon Dexter Cole Cemetery Fund donated by Solomon D. Cole	City Savings Bank Berlin, N. H.	50.00	1 1-2	1.95	.78	.78	1.95
May 22, 1942	Eldon S. Cole Cemetery Fund donated by Eldon S. Cole	City Savings Bank Berlin, N. H.	300.00	1 1-2	——	4.50	4.50	——
Feb. 23, 1943	Lois A. Fiske Cemetery Fund donated by Lois A. Fiske	Gorham Sav. Bank Gorham, N. H.	100.00	1 1-2	——	1.50	1.50	——
Sept. 17, 1946	Stella A. Lunn Cole Cemetery Fund	Gorham Sav. Bank Gorham, N. H.	200.00	Interest not drawn.				

VITAL STATISTICS - 1947

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June, 1877, requiring "Clerks of Towns and Cities to furnish a transcript of the marriages, births and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual report" I hereby submit the following:

SUSIE B. STONE, Town Clerk

Marriages Registered in the Town of Stark, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1947.

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence at Time of Marriage	Age and Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Father	No. of Marriage and Name, Residence and Station of Person by Whom Married
April 17	Russell L. Abbott	Stark	21 Mill worker	Stark	Clifton C. Abbott	1 Rev. E. M. Fuller
Groveton	Ruth Mildred Jones	Percy	16 Housework	Mechanic Falls, Me.	Leon H. Jones	1 Groveton
June 14	Robert Benj. Wood	Gilman, Vt.	19 Mill worker	Gilman, Vt.	Reuben A. Wood	1 Rev. Rudolph Heon
Groveton	Iva Margaret Hickey	Stark	19 At Home	Stark	Clyde L. Hickey	1 Groveton
Sept. 3	Wilfred Oakes	Stark	51 Mill worker	Stark	Samuel Oakes	2 Wm. Lehnert, J. P.
Groveton	Emma Laura Hickey	Stark	46 Housewife	Berlin	Peter Gagnon	2 Groveton
Oct. 4	Ralph Henry Bigelow	Stark	20 Mill worker	Danville, Vt.	Ralph T. Bigelow	1 Rev. E. M. Fuller
North Stratford	Irene Elizabeth Paradis	Groveton	17 Mill worker	Groveton	Henry J. Paradis	1 Stratford
Nov. 15	Leo Frank Frizzell	Stark	19 Truckman	Colebrook	Albert O. Frizzell	Rev. J. Paul Jameson
Berlin	Blanchie Mae Stiles	Dummer	19 At Home	Dummer	Clyde Wm. Stiles	1 Berlin

Births Registered in the Town of Stark, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1947.

Date of Birth and Name of Child if any	Sex — L or S No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Feb. 13 Roger Wayne	M L 1	Arthur W. Robinson	Ruth E. Evans	Woodsman	Norfolk, N. Y.	Wilmot, N. H.
Mar. 18 Douglas James	M L 2	Philip A. Croteau	Ruth C. Wells	Welder	Stark	St. Johnsbury, Vt.
June 8 Dennis Neil	M L 6	Henry R. Gibson	Norma T. Hopps	Farmer	Stark	Groveton
Oct. 12 Dennis Roger	M L 1	Leo F. Frizzell	Lillian E. Bigelow	Farmer	Colebrook	Danville, Vt.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Stark, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1947.

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age in Years, Months and Days			Place of Birth	Male or Female Single, Married or Widowed and Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 12 W. Stewartstown	James W. Bean	83	3		Lisbon	M W Retired	Thomas W. Bean	Orvilla Smith
Feb. 2 Percy	John H. Rogers	76	1	21	MapleGroveNB	M S Laborer	John Rogers	Mary Gibbons
Feb. 14 Percy	Hugh H. Cole	76	11	21	Groveton	M W Farmer	Stephen A. Cole	Lavina Jackson
Mar. 6 Lisbon	Nellie J. Warcup	83	2	26	SpringfieldMe	F W Housewife	Leonard Leighton	Unknown
April 21 Groveton	Samuel B. Oakes	77	1	36	Oldtown, Me.	M M Bobbin Man	Benjamin Oakes	Hattie St. Louis
May 13 Waterbury, Vt.	Adonno A. Potter	90	7	11	Stark	M W Farmer	Justice M. Potter	Hannah Dodge
June 2 Berlin	Lester Cole	93	9	11		M		
Dec. 8 Northumberland	Effie J. Hickey	77	9	1	Milton Plan., Me.	F W Housewife	Sumner Sessions	